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INDIANS PROTEST DETERIORATING RELATIONS' WITH PEMBROKE STATE UNIVERSITY

PEMBROKE--Approximately 150 community people (mostly Indian) turned out Tuesday night at Pembroke Senior High School to air their feelings about "the deteriorating relations" with Pembroke State University.

The meeting was called by the newly formed Robeson County Indian Caucus and chaired by its chairman, Lloyd Locklear.

Specifically, the meeting addressed

four specific areas: 1. a need for an increase of Indian and other minorities in faculty and administrative levels; 2. minorities staff employment decreasing; 3. drop in the number of minority students in the last two years; and 4. Community utilization of PSU facilities (rental costs of PSU's Performing Arts Center, etc.)

Locklear noted that of 123 faculty members at PSU only 8 are Indians with 3 blacks. It figures out to 6.5% Indian faculty members and 2.4% black faculty members.

The student enrollment was quoted as 64% white, 24% Indian and 12% black. Ms. Freida Locklear, a Prospect valedictorian and PSU honors student briefly discussed her inability to retain a teaching position in the math department at PSU. Ms. Locklear, who has a masters degree in applied mathematics at North Carolina State University taught at PSU from December 1980 until July 1981 but was passed over for a permanent position on the faculty for reasons that she is not satisfied with.

Said Julian Pierce, who heads Lumbee Legal Services in Pembroke, "They PSU administrators) used to say, 'you don't have any one qualified' now they 'we have someone better qualified.'" Said Pierce jokingly, "I guess that is progress..."

Lloyd Locklear also talked briefly of his discussions with Dr. Paul Givens, PSU's chancellor, concerning a recently filled position there. Locklear said he was led to believe by Givens that "if three candidates of like quality applied and one was an Indian...the Indian would receive preference in hiring." Said Locklear, "I left that meeting with Dr. Givens encouraged; the fact is, according to administrators at PSU, the position was already filled by a white the day before I talked to Dr. Givens."

Several Indians had applied for the auditors position.

Locklear also said, in his remarks which were well received by the receptive audience, "We don't have any more Indian faculty members at PSU than we did back in the 50s...our people

aren't being accepted for employment and we do not understand this." He also noted that, although PSU is located in the heart of a predominately Indian community, the university is "isolated and not part of the community like it once was."

Julian Pierce, another of the speakers, said, "We ought to lay the blame where it belongs...in the chancellors lap."

Another real concern was the cost of renting the performing arts center. The cost is \$500.00 a performance, discouraging use of the first rate facility by area schools and organizations like Lumbee Regional Development Association (LRDA) and the Pembroke Jaycees.

Jimmy Goins, President of the Pembroke Jaycees, told the audience of his organizations problems in renting the facility for a gospel sing which would have been a major fund raiser for raising monies for the needy children at Christmas time.

Said Goins, "We approached the university about using the performing arts center at last but we were told it would cost \$500.00 no matter what it was for." Goins said the experience had caused him "to half heartedly support PSU."

Dorothy Lowry, a member of the caucus, said "When I think about what my grandparents and others went through I think we ought to get on the ball and save this university..."

The groups decided to circulate a petition spelling out their concerns and scheduled another meeting for November 24 at 7 p.m. at the Pembroke District Courthouse in Pembroke. Caucus members also decided to seek a meeting with Givens to discuss their concerns further.

Robeson County Schools clarifies position on Lumberton Annexation

by Connee Brayboy

INSIGHT UNLIMITED

In a rare performance Tuesday night, Ronald Hammonds received not only a second but also unanimous support from the other members of the Robeson County Board of Education on a motion. He prefaced his motion by saying, "Based on past articles that I have read, I feel this Board should clarify the position this Board took on annexation during the 1960s. Therefore, I move that the Board adopt as a new release the following statement:

The Robeson County Board of Education did not consent to nor approve of the various annexations to the Lumberton City School District which are presently at issue in a pending federal court action to enforce the Voting Rights Act of 1965. In fact, the minutes of this Board dated, May 7, 1969 clearly demonstrate that counsel for this body advised that such annexations would jeopardize the Board's compliance with federal guidelines relative to school desegregation. The longstanding position of this Board is that the educational needs of all of the school children of this county can be best served by the elimination of city school administrative units rather than their expansion. According to the May 7th minutes, the Board adopted the following resolution in regards to annexation:

"WHEREAS, the Robeson County Board of Education was not consulted and did not participate in any way initiating this move of proposed annexation of the Clyburn Pines-Raft Swamp communities; and

"WHEREAS, The Robeson County Board of Education has advised the Robeson County legislative delegation in the North Carolina General Assembly that at this time, while involved in a controversy with the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare relative to school desegregation in the schools of the entire county, it should not become associated with any annexation efforts which would move considerable groups of students from one administrative unit to another because of the possibility of jeopardizing its compliance position; and

"WHEREAS, as provisions in the bill written, action by the Robeson County Board of Education, either approving or disapproving this petition, will have absolutely no effect on whether or not a referendum is held, as the bill provides that the County Commissioners will call for such referendum regardless of the action of the Robeson County Board of Education; and

"WHEREAS, legal counsel for the Robeson County Board of Education, who is representing this Board in school desegregation cases, advises against this Board's taking any such action at this time;

NOW, THEREFORE, The Robeson County Board of Education, after due consideration of the petition and the bill presented, takes no action relative to calling for a referendum on the annexation of the so-called Clyburn Pines-Raft Swamp communities to the Lumberton City School District."

Dr. V.R. Thompson, director of research and testing for the county schools, gave an update on the Insight Unlimited Project that he is coordinating for the system.

Said he, "Five schools within the Robeson County Administrative System are participating in a new and innovative program known as Insight Unlimited. The project is designed to identify the handicaps that prevent students from succeeding in regular or traditional programs. Kindergarten students plus fourth and fifth grade I students from Green Grove, R.B. Dean, Southside Ashpole, Union Chapel and Union Elementary schools are participating in the program. These students are screened in the areas of motor processing, visual processing, auditory processing, and language and basic concepts. The screening is conducted by a team of EMH teachers, LD teachers, speech and language teachers, a nurse, a school psychologist and other educational support staff personnel.

Dr. Thompson continued, "Through the implementation of the Insight Unlimited Program the Robeson County Board of Education hopes to reduce by fifty percent the number of students scoring below the 40th percentile on the North Carolina Annual Test in the target schools."

Dr. Thompson concluded his presentation by asking the board members to perform a simple test that would tell them whether they were right-eyed or left-eyed, etc.

BRYAN LEARNING CENTER

Gladys Sawyer, director of special education programs, introduced Zoe Ann Woodell to the board. Ms. Woodell reported on the progress at Bryan Learning Center stating that it was an educational facility for the severely and profoundly handicapped ages 3-21. She reported that the staff consisted of herself, five certified teachers, 9 teacher aides, 2 secretaries, 2 school psychologists and 4 support personnel. She explained that the facility served 31 students. And that they were being relatively successful with returning these students to a regular classroom setting.

Ms. Woodell's presentation left the board with an air of humbleness and nostalgia. Laymon Locklear went on record supporting a pay increase for the persons who worked with the special education program.

In other business Donald Bonner, assistant superintendent, reported on the Level III State Accreditation. He stated that at the completion of all of the objectives, the schools in the system will be accredited by the state. He reported further that three high schools have been accredited by the Southern Association of Accreditation. They are Ornum, Littlefield and Pembroke Senior High School. Mr. Bonner was instructed by the board to apply for admission to the Southern Association for East Robeson Elementary, Long Branch Elementary and Pembroke Elementary and also South Robeson High School.

Veteran's Day Parade Scenes



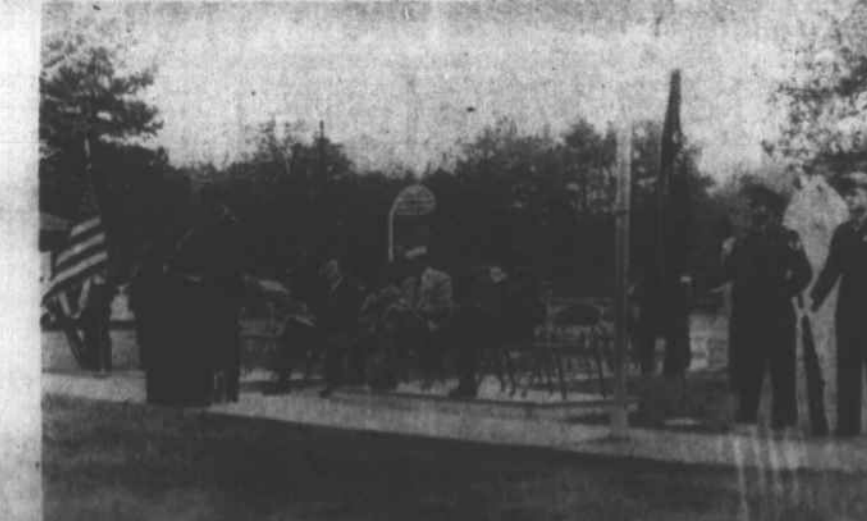
One of the local high schools represented in the Veterans Day Parade in Pembroke was Prospect High School.



Here comes the parade...The annual Veterans Day Parade was held in Pembroke on Wednesday, Nov. 11. The event was sponsored by the Pembroke VFW Post 2843. [Elmer Hunt photos]



Among the many floats participating in the Veterans Day Parade was this one. Regional Development Association's Lumbee River Native American Center. Shown are the singers from the Lumbee for the Arts.



Following the Veterans Day Parade in Pembroke Nov. 11, there was a flag raising ceremony in the Town Park. Shown is the speaker for that occasion, Major Harvey Egan who heads the ROTC Program at PSU. His speech was entitled "Pride in our Nation." Other activities included a fish fry at the post, and the sale of Buddy Poppies. [Elmer Hunt Photos]

Christmas Drive for the Needy

The Area "CB" Club Needs Your Help. They are sponsoring a Christmas Box Drive for the Needy. It will be held Saturday November 14, at Town Park. Coffee, cakes, Candy Apples, and Donuts will be sold to help raise funds. Everyone is invited.

New Business Opens

Saturday, at 10 a.m., is the date for the grand opening of the newest business in Pembroke--Lorraine's Clothing. Lorraine's Clothing is owned by Mrs. Lorraine Locklear and is located on Union Chapel Road (next door to the Pembroke Rescue Squad.)

The business features quality women's and men's clothing and is located in a very modern and spacious building which was designed and built by Mack's Construction which will have their offices in the building too.

As a part of the grand opening festivities, Lorraine's Clothing will give away a gift certificate and a pair of pants Saturday. The drawing will be from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.

Hours are from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Lorraine's Clothing invites everyone to attend their Grand Opening Saturday, November 14 beginning at 10 a.m.

Another business located in the spacious and modern structure is Silhouette Skin Care Clinic which is operated by Cindy Ballard and Thelma Tucker.

They offer a full line of cosmetics and will be open from Wednesday to Saturday each week. Their grand opening is also Saturday and they invite everyone to come out and get acquainted with them.

As part of their grand opening they will have a free drawing. The lucky winner will win a European Facial and a 30 minute hair remover.

Silhouette Skin Care Clinic offers a complete program of skin, hair and body care.

Dial calls for Recount

PEMBROKE--Sam Dial, who finished a scant ten votes behind Mayor James A. "Pete" Jacobs in the recent municipal election in Pembroke, has called for a recount of the ballots. Jacobs finished ahead in a tight three man vote, garnering 263 votes to Dial's 253. Reggie Strickland, a former mayor, had 240.

According to election officials, Dial also mentioned "other irregularities" in his letter calling for the recount. It is the second protest from the Pembroke election. Rev. Dawlie Maynor, chairman of Pembroke Citizens for Better Government, has also protested the elections citing curb voting by some Pembroke voters who Maynor says really were not physically infirm. 21 voters voted curbside, citing physical infirmities as their reason for not going inside the polling place to vote. Maynor also asked election officials to consider "other irregularities" which have not been spelled out to date.

The charges, more than likely, will be detailed in a hearing which must be set by the Robeson County Board of Elections.

The next meeting of the Robeson County Board of Elections will be Monday night at 6 p.m. at elections headquarters in Lumberton.

Rumors have also swept Pembroke that U.S. marshals were in the area during the day of balloting November 3 although "the board of elections is not aware of them," according to Herbert Moore, chairman of the Robeson County Board of Elections.

Lorraine's Clothing...



This spacious and modern structure located on Union Chapel Road (just door to the Pembroke Rescue Squad) will house three businesses, two of them new to the area--Lorraine's Clothing and Silhouette Skin Care Clinic. Both are holding their Grand Opening Saturday, November 14, beginning at 10 a.m.

Everyone is cordially invited to come out and take part in the festivities. Mack's Construction Company, which designed and built the structure, will also have their offices in the building. Mack Locklear is the owner of Mack's Construction Company.